

Outlook for Overview

Smoke: Today: Moderate conditions should exist in all locations in the morning, but should clear out in the afternoon. Winds from the NW to N may push smoke over Goleta and Santa Barbara this afternoon and tonight though most of the smoke is expected to stay aloft. Hazy conditions can be expected along the coast, with occasional periods of moderate air quality due to the weak marine layer. Nightly smoke is expected to drain into the Santa Ynez valley impacting Santa Ynez and Lompoc clearing in the afternoon. Tomorrow: Similar impacts are expected.

Fire: The Whittier Fire is 18,015 acres and is 36% contained. Fire behavior yesterday was active on the west and east flanks. The fire continues to creep down slope on the eastern, western and southern edges of the fire. Firefighters expect flanking runs and some short intense burning as the fire backs into drainage bottoms and aligns with slopes. Warmer temperatures, lower humidity and winds will increase fire activity as the day progresses.

Other:

Daily AQI Forecast for Jul 16, 2017



Station	Yesterday hourly	Sat 7/15	Forecast Comment for Today -- Sun, Jul 16	Sun 7/16	Mon 7/17
Goleta	6a noon 6p	●	Periodic moderate through the day.	●	●
Ojai		●	Periodic moderate through the day.	●	●
El Rio		●	Periodic moderate through the day.	●	●
Lompoc		●	Moderate conditions expected this evening through tomorrow morning.	●	●
Piru		●	Periodic moderate through the day.	●	●
Santa Barbara		●	Moderate conditions expected this evening through tomorrow morning.	●	●
Santa Ynez	No hourly data	●	Moderate conditions expected this evening through tomorrow morning.	●	●

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
● Good	None
● Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
● USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
● Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
● Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
● Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

Disclaimer: Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

[AirNow: Current Wildfires](#)
[California Smoke Blog](#)
[Inciweb- Whittier Fire](#)

[CDC: Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke](#)
[Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District](#)
[Santa Ynez Peak Webcam](#)